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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MR. NORMAN
TERRELL, NASA DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS TO
PROFESSOR ALEXANDRU SPATARU, PRESIDENT RCSA.

2. APRIL , 1978

PROFESSOR ALEXANDRU SPATARU
PRESIDENT
ROMANIAN COMMISSION FOR SPACE
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BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

DEAR PROFESSOR SPATARU:

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR FEBRUARY 8 LETTER REGARDING PROF.

CHIFU'S EXPERIMENT, "SURFACE FLOW OF LIQUIDS IN THE ABSENCE OF GRAVITY," SCHEDULED FOR FLIGHT ON THE DROP DYNAMICS MODULE (DDM). THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS COOPERATIVE PROJECT AND THE PRELIMINARY TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON THE DDM WHICH PROF. CHIFU WILL NEED IN ORDER

TO PREPARE HIS EXPERIMENT HAVE BEEN SENT TO YOU THROUGH THE US EMBASSY, BUCHAREST.

IN YOUR LETTER YOU MENTION YOUR PLAN FOR PROF. CHIFU TO VISIT WITH NASA SPECIALISTS TO DISCUSS THIS PROJECT. I BELIEVE A VISIT BY PROF. CHIFU WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE FOR BOTH SIDES AFTER RCSA HAS AGREED TO OUR PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROJECT AND AFTER PROF. CHIFU HAS HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW THE PRELIMINARY TECHNICAL MATERIAL. AT THAT TIME WE WILL BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE PROF. CHIFU FOR A FIVE DAY VISIT AT THE JET PROPULSION LABORATORY IN CALIFORNIA, WHERE THE SPECIALISTS ON THE DDM PROJECT ARE LOCATED. WE WOULD REQUIRE SEVERAL WEEKS ADVANCE NOTICE IN ORDER TO ARRANGE SUCH A VISIT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU ON THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS COOPERATIVE EFFORT WHICH WERE FORWARDED SEPARATELY.

DURING MR. MANDESCU'S RECENT VISIT TO NASA, HE REQUESTED
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A PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR A US VISIT BY A FOUR-MAN ROMANIAN DELEGATION TO DISCUSS METEOROLOGICAL SOUNDING ROCKETS IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED ROMANIAN SOUNDING ROCKET RANGE. THE NASA PORTION OF THE VISIT INVOLVES TWO DAYS. THE REMAINDER OF THE ITINERARY WILL BE ARRANGED BY MR. DINDELEGAN OF YOUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. HE WILL PROBABLY CONTACT PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DREXEL UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, AND THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON, DC. HE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU SEPARATELY ON THOSE VISITS. AS TO THE NASA VISIT, WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

MAY 18 ARRIVE NEW YORK
MAY 19 UNIVERSITY VISIT(S)
MAY 20-21 FREE
MAY 22 UNIVERSITY VISIT(S)
MAY 23 VISIT NASA HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, DC
MAY 24 VISIT NASA WALLOPS FLIGHT CENTER, WALLOPS ISLAND,

VIRGINIA, WHERE THE DELEGATION WILL VIEW A METEOROLOGICAL SOUNDING ROCKET LAUNCH.
MAY 25 DEPART NEW YORK

PLEASE LET ME KNOW THE COMPOSITION OF YOUR DELEGATION AND
WHETHER THIS ITINERARY IS AGREEABLE TO YOU SO THAT THE
FINAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

SINCERELY,

NORMAN TERRELL
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
NASA

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